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ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western border from Gujarat and Rajasthan has become a safe heaven for ISI activities:

(b) if so,the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of ISI activities noticed by the Government in this sector; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check their activities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): Although Pak ISI has shown no let up in its effort to smuggle arms/explosives through the Western border, it will not be appropriate to say that the Wetern border in Gujarat and Rajasthan has become a safe haven for ISI activities.

Security lighting and fencing, except for a small patch in the shifting sand dunes areas, has been erected in Rajasthan. This has helped in curbing illegal border crossing to a large extent. Erection of security fencing and flood lighting in the Gujarat border has also started and would be completed in about 5 years time. The Govt. have adopted a multi-pronged approach, comprising of deployment of Central Para-military Forces, setting up of Border Observation Posts and provision of specialised equipments like night vision devices to the forces for greater vigilance along the international border, to check infiltration and other subversive activities.